



**Fort Mill Town Council Regular Meeting
January 24, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers
112 Confederate Street
Fort Mill, SC 29715**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

MINUTES

Minutes of the January 10, 2022, Town Council Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT

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PRESENTATIONS

Presentation #1

Swearing in ceremony for the appointment of Mr. Ben Hudgins as Council Member, representing Ward 3 for the Town of Fort Mill. This appointment is for a term of 4 years expiring in January of 2026. - *Judge Kyle Hobbs*

Presentation #2

Plans for South Carolina Strawberry Festival 2022 – *Jacona Hester*



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Present: Mayor Savage, Councilman Helms, Councilman Moody, Councilwoman Heemsoth and Councilwoman Cook. Councilman Shirey and Councilman Huntley were absent.

CALL TO ORDER

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INVOCATION

MINUTES

Minutes of the December 13, 2021, regular scheduled Council Meeting
Minutes of the December 21, 2021, special called Council Meeting

Councilman Helms made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2021 and December 21, 2021 council meetings. SECONDED by Councilwoman Heemsoth. Passed 5-0.

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There were no citizens signed up to speak during Public Comments.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation #1

Swearing in ceremony for the appointment of Mr. Allen Garrison as Council Member, representing Ward 1 for the Town of Fort Mill. This appointment is for a term of 4 years expiring in January of 2026.

Judge Kyle Hobbs swore in Mr. Allen Garrison as a Council Member for the Town of Fort Mill representing Ward 1 for a 4-year term expiring in January of 2026.

Presentation #2

Swearing in ceremony for the appointment of Mr. Ben Hudgins as Council Member, representing Ward 3 for the Town of Fort Mill. This appointment is for a term of 4 years expiring in January of 2026.

Mr. Ben Hudgins was absent at this meeting and was not able to be sworn in.

Presentation #3

Swearing in ceremony for the appointment of Mr. Chris Wolfe as Council Member, representing At Large, Seat 1, for the Town of Fort Mill. This appointment is for a term of 4 years expiring in January of 2026.

Judge Kyle Hobbs swore in Mr. Chris Wolfe a Council Member for the Town of Mill representing At Large, Seat 1 for a 4-year term expiring in January of 2026.

Presentation #4

Swearing in ceremony for the appointment of Ms. Julia Soprano as Associate Municipal Judge for the Town of Fort Mill. This appointment is for a term of 1 year expiring in January of 2023.

Kyle Hobbs swore in Ms. Julia Soprano as a Municipal Judge of Fort Mill for a 1-year term expiring in January of 2023.

The Mayor called for a 15 minute break so that the newly sworn council members could take their places at their respective seat on council to conduct the remainder of business for this meeting. Councilman Wolfe took the seat of former Councilwoman Heemsoth and Councilman Garrison took the seat of former Councilman Shirey.

Presentation #5

MLK Call to Service Day 2022

Chris Sardelli gave a power point presentation with information regarding MLK's Call to Service Day 2022. The Town will collect donations for 7 local organizations in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 17, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

There were no Old Business Items.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

New Business Item #1

Consideration of event policy pertaining to the rental of municipal parking lots.

Davy Broom explained to council that the purpose of this policy is to establish the rules and regulations relating to rentals of municipal parking lots for events. In the past, the Town has rented out all or portions of municipal parking lots for private (non-town affiliated) events. The experience from those rentals showed the difficulty in allowing for private events while simultaneously maintaining the Town's overall purpose which is to provide parking to the greater public in various areas of Town to support all businesses, recreation, etc. For that reason, staff is asking Council to consider this new policy which will restrict the use of municipal parking lots to only events that are put on by the Town or otherwise sponsored by the Town.

It was determined by Council that they would be discussing this further, so no vote was taken.

New Business Item #2

Consideration of Intergovernmental Agreement with York County pertaining to housing of inmates.

Davy Broom explained to Council that York County is requesting to renew an expired intergovernmental agreement pertaining to inmate housing at the York County Detention Center. Previous agreement billed municipalities \$42.88 per day/per inmate transported to their facility. This included all inmates whether they qualified for municipal court or general sessions court. The new agreement increases the daily rate to \$73 per "prisoner day" for municipal court inmates only. In this new agreement, the town would not be billed an amount for prisoners being charged for general sessions. This new agreement is dated for July 1, 2021.

New agreement terms retroactive to July 1, 2021. How that affects Fort Mill:

Old Agreement Charge: July 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021 = \$8,833.28

New Agreement Charge (retroactive) July 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021 = \$146.00

Councilwoman Cook made a MOTION to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with York County pertaining to housing of inmates. SECONDED by Councilman Helms. Passed 6-0.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Information/Discussion Item #1

Information pertaining to York County C-Fund Project

Davy Broom told Council that York County Engineering has requested that the town submit a list of streets for consideration of C Funds. The letter of request by the county was received after the December Town Council Meeting and the due date was prior to the January 10 meeting. He went over the following streets that were submitted to the County:

Spratt Street
Steele Street
N. White Street
Calhoun Street
Meacham Street
Tom Hall Street

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Please Note: Council may take action on Executive Session Items listed on the agenda when they come back into Public Session.

There were no Executive Session items.

ADJOURN

Councilwoman Cook made a Motion to adjourn. SECONDED by Chris Wolfe. Passed 6-0.

Being no more business to conduct. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

The following press was notified of the meeting by email or fax in accordance of the Freedom of Information Act: The Herald; CN2; WRHI, WSOC and WBTV. The agenda was also posted on the board outside of the entrance to Town Hall the required length of time and on the Town website.

Respectfully Submitted:

Virginia C. Burgess
Town Clerk

Approved by Council:



Oath of Office

“I, Ben Hudgins, do solemnly swear that I am duly qualified, according to the Constitution of this state, to exercise the duties of the office to which I have been elected and I will, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties thereof, and preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the state and of the United States.”

“As Council Member of the Town of Fort Mill, I will equally, fairly and impartially, to the best of my ability and skill, exercise the trust reposed in me, and will use my best endeavors to preserve the peace and carry into effect according to law the purposes for which I have been elected; so help me God.”

Ben Hudgins

Oath administered by:

Date

Witness:

Virginia C. Burgess

Municipal Clerk

Fort Mill Town Council



Meeting Information						
Meeting Type	Council Meeting					
Meeting Date	Monday, January 24, 2022					
Request Summary						
Request Type		Action (Old Bus.)		Action (New Bus.)		Info/Discussion
		Public Hearing		Executive Session		Other
Case Summary						
Case Type		Annexation		Rezoning		Text Amendment
		Subdivision Plat		Appearance Review		Other
Title						

Plans for 13th Annual South Carolina Strawberry Festival

Background Information

Background

The Town will host a week of events leading up to the festival in the park on Friday-Saturday, May 6-7, 2022.

Alternatives	
1.	
2.	
3.	
Staff Recommendation	
Recommendation	
Name & Title	Jacona Hester, Events Coordinator
Department	Public Relations & Events
Legislative History	
First Reading	
Public Hearing	
Second Reading	
Effective Date	

Attachments

1. 2022 SC Strawberry Festival Presentation for Council

PRESENTED BY



Fort Mill
SOUTH CAROLINA



INTRODUCTION

In 2020, due to the pandemic, the Town had to cancel the South Carolina Strawberry Festival and move to a completely virtual event including online contests, games, queens, business and sponsor spotlights and more.

In 2021, as the pandemic continued but with some improvement, the Town was able to host a hybrid event with both virtual and in-person events. The Town had a successful week of celebrations that included online contests, pageants, golf, music, a movie and several other small-scale community events.

As the Town continues to keep safety as our priority, we are planning to bring back the 13th Annual South Carolina Strawberry Festival in Walter Elisha Park on May 6-7, 2022. This year's festival will be preceded by a week of fun and engaging events for our community.



Strawberry Festival Week of Events

Friday, April 29 – Saturday, May 7, 2022



**13TH ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL POSTER UNVEILING
Friday, April 29**

**Time: TBD
Location: TBD**

South Carolina
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

April 23 - May 1, 2021



FORT MILL, SC

Friday, April 29

Location:

Courtyard by Marriott-Kingsley

Time: 7:00PM

Categories:

Age groups by birthdate as of April 29, 2022

Tiny Miss Strawberry Shortcake 5, 6, 7

Little Miss Strawberry Shortcake 8, 9

Miss Strawberry Princess 10, 11

Miss Strawberry Festival Jr Teen 12, 13

**Applications are accepted until
Monday, March 28, 2022**

**SOUTH CAROLINA
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

Little Miss Pageant



SOUTH CAROLINA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Teen, Miss, Ms. Pageant



Saturday, April 30

Location:

Courtyard by Marriott-Kingsley

Time: 7:00PM

Categories:

Teen Strawberry Queen	Ages: 14-18
Miss Strawberry Queen	Ages: 18-28
Ms. Strawberry Queen	Ages: 21+

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HOSTED BY:

FORT  MILL
ECONOMIC PARTNERS

Saturday, April 30, 2022

Historic Downtown Fort Mill

Race Start time: 8AM

Runners Village following the event

Registrations will begin soon

Saturday, April 30, 2022

10AM-3PM

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN FORT MILL

HOSTED BY:

FORT MILL HISTORY MUSEUM



The adventure starts here!  FORT MILL
HISTORY MUSEUM



STRAWBERRY DOGGIE FASHION SHOW & SNOCONES

Saturday, May 1

11AM-2PM

Fort Mill Animal Hospital

240 Main Street



STRAWBERRY SNO-CONE DAY



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STRAWBERRY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 1

8AM-NOON

HOSTED BY:

Anne Springs Close Greenway
Gateway Canteen





STRAWBERRY BABY
CONTEST WINNERS



STRAWBERRY BABY PHOTO CONTEST

Monday, May 2
9AM-5PM

Town of Fort Mill
Facebook Page

SOUTH CAROLINA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Tuesday, May 3

Springfield
GOLF CLUB

8:00am Welcome Reception

9:30am Shot-gun Start

639 Hambley House Lane, Fort Mill SC 29715





SC Strawberry Festival
Downtown Strawberry
J A M

Wednesday, May 4

6PM-9PM

Downtown Fort Mill

Featuring:

Downtown Merchants

Local Vendors

Music

Food & Fun!

SOUTH CAROLINA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

WALTER ELISHA PARK

FRIDAY-SATURDAY

MAY 6 @ 6PM-11PM

MAY 7 @ 10AM-10PM



Featuring:

Music, Vendors, Food, Kids Activities, Rides, Car Show,
Strawberries, Fireworks & more!



**WEBSITE WILL BE UPDATED WITH INFORMATION
BY FEBRUARY 1, 2022.**

Information about all our events including
applications & registration forms can be found at:

www.scstrawberryfestival.com



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SC Strawberry Festival Committee

Jacona Hester
Chris Sardelli
Davy Broom
Brian Harris
Keith Fisher
Brown Simpson
Chipper Wilkerson
Eric Werner
Simril Beckham
Steven Bivins
Tony McMehan
Thomas Buckley
John Weston
Elizabeth Bowers
Mina McDonald
Stephanie Devaney
Beth Vanderwalker
Sal Incorvaia
Mikki Rentschler
Wendy Wilken
Mike Ziemke
Ronald Helms
Ron Edwards

Events Coordinator
Public Relations Manager
Town Manager
Public Works Director (Inside Logistics)
Public Works Supervisor (Inside Logistics)
Parks & Recreation Director (Outside Logistics)
Fire Chief (Safety Team)
Fire Marshal (Safety Team)
Deputy Fire Marshal (Safety Team)
Fort Mill Police Department (Safety Team)
Media Technician
Transportation
Transportation
Strawberry Pancake Breakfast/Strawberry Sprint & Stroll
Strawberry Pancake Breakfast
Strawberry Pageants Assistant
Strawberry Pageants Director
Rides Coordinator
Vendor Coordinator
Food Vendor Coordinator
Golf Coordinator
Golf Coordinator Assistant
Strawberries



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Ad Hoc Appointments Committee recommendations for Planning Commission openings.

Background Information

Recommendation of Candidate(s) for Appointment to the Planning Commission

Planning Commission (2 Vacancies)

The Ad Hoc Appointments Committee was asked to review and recommend candidates to fill Seat 5 and Seat 6 due to the two Commissioners resigning because they have been elected to serve on the Town Council starting in 2022.

The vacancy (Seats 5) term will expire on April 12, 2022, and the vacancy (Seat 6) term will expire on April 24, 2023. Candidates selected to fill these seats will have an opportunity to be reappointed to a new three-year term once the initial expiration of the vacancy seats takes place.

The current membership of the Planning Commission is as follows:

Seat	Member Name	Address	Ward	Appointed	Expiration
1	James Traynor	115 Mary Mack Lane	2	04/15/2021	04/15/2024
2	Matthew Lucarelli	496 Walden Park Drive	2	04/15/2021	04/15/2024